

REMARKS

In the patent application, claims 1-16 are pending. In the office action, all pending claims are rejected.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 8 and 11 to include the limitation that the functionality of accessory device is effected in a pattern based on the retrieved sequence of data segments. The support of the amendment can be found at p.4, line 25 to p.5, line 4. As disclosed, the phone body 10 transfers data embedded in the ringing tone signal 60 to the phone cover 30, and the transferred data is represented by a sequence of data segments of bit patterns related to a note or a tone, so that the device 40 in the phone cover 30 can effect the functionality based on the data segments. No new matter has been introduced.

At section 1 of the office action, the specification is objected to because of informalities. Applicant has amended the specification to correct the informalities as suggested.

At section 2 of the office action, claims 1-6, 8 and 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Kita* (U.S. Patent No. 6,263,218). The Examiner states that *Kita* discloses a method device as claimed.

It is respectfully submitted that *Kita* discloses a phone 21 having means for transmitting a signal 25 to an accessory 26, 27 which produces a buzzing sound or vibration in order to alert the user of an incoming call (col.11, lines 44-46). *Kita* also uses a coded signal "1, 0, 1, 1", for example, in the transmitted signal so as to allow the accessory to recognize that the signal is originated from the user's own phone, and not from a neighbor's phone. However, *Kita* does not disclose that the buzzing sound or vibration is produced in a manner indicative of a bit pattern based on a ringing tone.

In contrast, the functionality of the device accessory, according to the claimed invention, is effected in a pattern based on the retrieved sequence of data segments, and sequence of the data segments is retrieved from the received ringing tone in the device accessory. Thus, the functionality of the device accessory is effected in a pattern based on the received ringing tone.

For the above reasons, claims 1, 8 and 11 are clearly distinguishable over the cited *Kita* reference.

As for claims 2-7, 10 and 12-16, they are dependent from claims 1, 8 and 11 and recite features not recited in claims 1, 8 and 11. For reasons regarding claims 1, 8 and 11 above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-7, 9, and 11-16 are also allowable over the cited *Kita* reference.

CONCLUSION

As amended, claims 1-16 are allowable. Early allowance of claims 1-16 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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